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<i>04-19-06</i>	<b>Application Number</b>	10/724,281
	<b>Filing Date</b>	November 28, 2003
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Shinichiro Hashimoto et al.
	<b>Art Unit</b>	2821
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Alemu, Ephrem
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	82478-2800

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

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**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

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- i.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
ii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- i.  Amendment/Reply      iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)      iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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ii.  Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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